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- 11. (U) This is JCIC-XXXIII-006.
- 12. (U) At paragraph 3 below is the official translation of the text of the Kazakhstani Statement that was delivered at the Opening Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-third Session of the START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission (JCIC), held at the U.S. Mission on November 13, 2008.
- 13. (S) Begin text:

Official Translation

Statement

by the Delegation of Kazakhstan at the Opening of the Thirty-third Session of the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission for the START Treaty

Geneva, November 13, 2008

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Heads and Members of the Delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the United States of America,

The Delegation of Kazakhstan greets you as we begin another session of the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission, JCIC-XXXIII, and is pleased to note the productive negotiations at the last session.

There was a constructive exchange of views on a number of important issues related to implementation of the START Treaty.

In this connection, we welcome the signing by the START

Treaty Parties of Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission Agreement Number 55, Changes to Section I of the Conversion or Elimination Protocol Regarding the Elimination Process for ICBMs for Mobile Launchers of ICBMs.

At that session the Parties adopted Joint Statement Number S-29 on Changes to the Boundary of Drovyanaya ICBM Base for Silo Launchers of ICBMs and Joint Statement Number 40 on the Elimination of SS-24 ICBM Solid Rocket Motor Cases Located in Ukraine.

In connection with the upcoming expiration of the START Treaty on December 5, 2009, the Delegation of Kazakhstan supports the Russian side's proposal to hold a meeting before December 5, 2008, to discuss the question of extending the Treaty.

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

The agenda of this Thirty-third Session contains quite a large number of issues, including those discussed earlier. During the intersessional period there was an exchange of views on a number of issues raised at the last session, JCIC-XXXII.

It was noted that one of the main issues is to discuss convening the meeting of the Parties provided for in paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty.

We reaffirm Kazakhstan's position regarding the important role of the Treaty in maintaining strategic stability and strengthening arms control, and we note the need for such an instrument. The Kazakhstani Delegation steadfastly supports all the agreed steps aimed at achieving these goals.

We urge all the delegations to work expeditiously, in a spirit of constructive good will, in order to resolve the issues and reaffirm the Commission's efficacy.

We hope this session will be successful.

Thank you for your attention.

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